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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BUENOS AIRES SANTIAGO
BRASILIA FROM MONTEVIDEO NOV 6

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 3159

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TGEN, EGEN, UY

SUBJ: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

1. ON NOVEMBER 4 AMB BOWDLER MET AT FONOFF WITH DR. JORGE
ALVAREZ, SECGEN OF THE CONSEJO NACIONALES DE POLITICA CIENTIFICA
Y DE INVESTIGACION, AND OTHER GOU OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH SUBJECT.
DR. JUAN JOSE REAL, DIRECTOR FOREIGN COMMERCE STAFF, REPRESENTED
FONOFF, BUT ALVAREZ IS FONOFF ADVISOR ON THIS TOPIC AND WILL
REPRESENT
GOU AT SG IV MEETING. AMB BOWDLER OUTLINED US THINKING ON INTER-
AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR S&TT, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION WITH
IN WUSG ON THIS TOPIC.

2. URUGUAYANS WERE RECEPTIVE TO OUR IDEAS FOR COORDINATING
UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION WITH A COMMITTEE OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND
AD HOC SPECIAL COMMITTEES AS NECESSARY. THEY DO NOT FAVOR
LATIN-ONLY ORGANIZATION AND WANT TO LEAVE ROOM ALSO FOR BILATERAL
S&TT RELATIONS.

3. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AND AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO
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AVOID NEW BUREAUCRACIES OR DUPLICATE CURRENT PROGRAMS. ON THE OTHER

HAND, URUGUAYAN SIDE WAS DUBIOUS THAT AN ORGANIZATION LINKED TO THE OAS COULD AVOID POLITICAL POLEMICS. AMB BOWDLER SUGGESTED LOOSE LINKAGE WITH FINANCING AND SOME OAS SECRETARIAT SUPPORT COULD MEET THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT CREATING NEW SUPERSTRUCTURE. ALL AGREED THAT RESTRUCTURING OF OAS WAS DISTANT GOAL AND NEED WAS TO MOVE AHEAD NOW ON S&TT.

4. ALVAREZ SUGGESTED PRAGMATIC APPROACH OF ESTABLISHING INITIAL SMALL COORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THIS COULD BE EVALUATED AND REVISED AS EXPERIENCE DICTATES. URUGUAYANS FELT THAT SMALLER LA STATES NEEDED CONTINUING ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND NEEDS, IN CONTRAST TO BJKZILIAN POSITION WHICH BOWDER OUTLINED. HOWEVER, GOU REPRESENTATIVES FELT THAT ANY ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE SHOULD REPRESENT PRIVATE AS WELL AS PUBLIC SECTORS.

5. URUGUAYANS ADVANCED NO IDEAS ON FINANCING OF ORGANIZATIONS BUT WERE RECEPTIVE TO AMB BOWDLER'S OUTLINE OF VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES. IN A

LATER CONVERSATION, ALVAREZ POINTED OUT THAT A PROBLEM WITH OAS CHANNELED FINANCING WAS POSSIBILITY THAT MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS IDB AND UN, MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO CONTRIBUTE.

6. REGARDING SCHEDULE OF MONTEVIDEO WG SESSION, IT WAS AGREED THAT JANUARY WAS BEST PROSPECT. AMB BOWDLER NOTED THE NEED FOR SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW RESULTS BEFORE MFM MEETING, THUS SUPPORTING EARLY JANUARY WG DATE, BUT NO SPECIFIC DATE SELECTED. IT WAS AGREED THAT MONTEVIDEO RATHER THAN PUNTA DEL ESTE WOULD BE SITE.

7. URUGUAYANS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF VISIT, AND WE HAVE NO DOUBT IT HAS HELPED FOCUS ATTENTION ON SUBJECT. URUGUAYAN GENERALLY SHARES US VIEW AND CAN BE COUNTED ON TO BE HELPFUL IN THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

8. THIS CABLE COULD NOT BE CLEARED BY AMB BOWDER, DUE TO LIMITATIONS OF TIME.
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